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of all these Bills incorporating such of those suggestions which seem to them to be reasonable and necessary. I hope that they will take the earliest opportunity to do so and would not think that the whole matter is over with the passing of these Bills."

* MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have just to make an announcement to the House. The House will remember that on 6th August 1946, I made an announcement to the House appointing a Committee for considering amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the House. At that time it was thought advisable to have a Joint Committee of the Members of both Houses. Since that date, the Hon. the Speaker and myself have come to the conclusion that it is better for both the Committees to sit separately to discuss the rules purely as a matter of convenience. So, I beg to announce to the House that the Committee which was appointed on 6th August 1946 consisting of the following gentlemen will function hereafter as a separate Committee and go into the question of the amendments necessary for the Rules of Procedure of the House :—

(1) President.
(2) Deputy President.
(3) The hon. Sri B. Veeraswamy.
(4) Sri K. Madhava Menon.
(5) Sri B. Narayanaswami Naidu.
(6) Dr. T. S. S. Rajan.
(7) Sri O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar.
(8) Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao.
(9) K. Uppi Sahib Bahadur.

" The Hon. the Minister for Public Health will move her motion now."

III. GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move—

' *That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by His Excellency the Governor of Madras under section* 305 (1) *of the Madras District Municipalities Act,* 1920 (*Madras Act V of* 1920), *amending Schedule V to that Act be approved :—*

Draft Rule.

" *In the said schedule, after clause (m), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—*

' *(mm) brewing beer; manufacturing arrack or other spirits containing alcohol (whether denatured or not), by distillation.*' " '

" I should like to know, Sir, that since these two amendments to the Madras District Municipalities Act and the Madras Local Boards Act are identical, whether I could move both these amendments together."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. the Minister may move them separately."

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THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" Therefore, Sir, I move the amendment to the draft rule.

" Under Schedule V to section 249 of the Madras District Municipalities Act certain items are not included among the items for which licences will have to be taken. Those items are—Manufacture of arrack, manufacture of carbon-dioxide and methylated spirit. Schedule V of the Madras District Municipalities Act does not admit giving licences to places where these articles are manufactured. Therefore this schedule has to be amended to include these three items and hence I move that the amendment may be approved."

The amendment was put and carried.

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" Mr. President, Sir, I move—

'*That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by His Excellency the Governor of Madras under section* 201 (1) *of the Madras Local Boards Act,* 1920 (*Madras Act XIV of* 1920), *amending Schedule VII to that Act be approved :—*

Draft Rule.

" *In the said schedule, after clause* (1), *the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—*

' (11) *brewing beer ; manufacturing arrack or other spirits containing alcohol (whether denatured or not), by distillation ;* ' " '

" The same arguments put forward in the case of motion No. I above will be applicable with regard to this amendment also. The intention of the amendment is to enforce health conditions and therefore Schedule VII of the Madras Local Boards Act has to be amended so as to include these three items so that licences could be given for the manufacture of alcohol, arrack and carbon-dioxide. I therefore move the amendment."

The amendment was put and carried.

IV. APPEAL BY THE HON. PREMIER.

5-15 p.m.

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" Sir, before this session concludes, I would like to make an appeal to this House and through the House to the public outside on the question of food. I spoke yesterday in the course of the debate something about the same matter, but now I am stating clearly the position in the Province about food.

" As the public are aware the Government reduced with effect from 4th August 1946 the rice portion of the ration to 8 oz. per adult per day for insufficient and non-producing rice eaters with great reluctance as the prospect of getting imported rice in sufficient quantities to maintain the 10 oz. rice ration was uncertain. It was my avowed intention at that time to restore the rice ration to 10 oz. as soon as circumstances permitted but the information since received shows that the prospects of imports of rice are not